

Appl. No. 10/666,140

Reply to Office Action of November 10, 2004

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on November 10, 2004 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. In the Restriction Requirement, two allegedly distinct inventions were identified as follows:

Group I – Claims 1-30; and

Group II – Claims 31-39.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, and without conceding to the Examiner's positions of distinctiveness of inventions, Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys, hereby elects Group II (e.g., Claims 31-39).

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the application, as amended, is now in condition for allowance, and such allowance is therefore earnestly requested. Should the Examiner have any questions or wish to further discuss this application, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the Applicants' attorneys at the below-listed number.

If for some reason Applicants have not requested a sufficient extension and/or have not paid a sufficient fee for this response and/or for the extension necessary to prevent abandonment on this application, please consider this as a request for an extension for the required time period and/or authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-2091 for any fee which may be due.

Respectfully submitted,

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